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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

RELATIVE OF SITTING BULL GETS ARTIFACTS

By The Associated Press, Billings Gazette (12/17/07)

BISMARCK, N.D. - When Sitting Bull's name passes the lips of Ernie LaPointe, the word "great-grandfather" follows.

For many people, Sitting Bull is a famed Indian spiritual leader. His name is said in the same breath as George Custer and the Battle of Little Big Horn. But the man depicted in movies and books is different from the man LaPointe's mother told him about as a child.

YOUTH SPUR ON BIG FOOT RIDE

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian (12/16/07)

BEAR SOLDIER, S.D. - When Donaven Yellow of Wakpala, S.D., joined the Spirit Riders, he pledged to ride four years in the Big Foot Memorial Ride, a near 300-mile journey dedicated to the Lakota ancestors who died in one of the nation's most horrific massacres.

On Saturday, he began the fourth journey across the South Dakota prairie with 44 riders who will spend the next two weeks en route to the Pine Ridge Reservation, picking up others along the way until they number 200.

RESERVATION HOUSING DEVELOPMENT'S MOLD PROBLEM 'A SIMMERING HEALTH EMERGENCY'

By ERIC NEWHOUSE Great Falls Tribune (

)Blackfeet Tribal Councilwoman Bett/y Cooper lobbied Montana's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., last week, seeking funding to replace contaminated homes in Browning.

She brought along the latest in a string of studies that found serious problems in housing on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

The new study from the University of Montana found a high level of toxins in three-quarters of the 36 homes tested, with much of that being the result of black mold.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

INDIAN OIL VALUATION

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is amending the existing regulations regarding valuation, for royalty purposes, of oil produced from Indian leases. These amendments will clarify and update the existing regulations.

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CROW TRIBE ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION PLAN

SUMMARY: We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Crow Tribe Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Plan (hereinafter, the Crow Plan) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). The Crow Tribe has requested concurrence from the Secretary of the Department

of the Interior with its certification of completion of all coal-related reclamation objectives. If the Secretary concurs with the certification, the Crow Tribe intends to request AMLR funds to pursue projects in accordance with section 411 of SMCRA
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(SUBSTANCE ABUSE) DOJ FUNDS FO-CUS ON TRIBAL METH PROBLEMS

(December 13, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept. (Bureau of Justice Assistance); **Program:** Indian Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program (CFDA Number: 16.616); **Eligibility:** Native American tribal governments; **Funding:** Grants up to \$300,000 for use over 36 months; **Deadline:** Feb. 14.

Purpose: The program provides funding and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to plan, implement, or enhance tribal justice strategies to address crime issues related to alcohol and substance abuse. Priority continues to be placed on controlling and preventing the methamphetamine problem in Indian country.

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(AGING) DOJ FUNDS ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

(December 13, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept. (Office of Violence Against Women—OVW); **Program:** Enhanced Training & Services to End Violence & Abuse of Women Later in Life Program (CFDA Number: 16.528); **Eligibility:** Governments and tribal organizations; **Funding:** Grants up to \$500,000; **Deadline:** Feb. 7.

Purpose: The program funds projects to implement a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. This comprehensive approach will encompass providing training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agencies and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; providing cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; developing or enhancing a community coordinated response to elder abuse; enhancing services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

Editor's note: The FY 2008 guidance hasn't been posted on OVW's Web site, so an e-mail to the agency on release of the guidance should be helpful. A review of last year's guidance should be help, too.

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(PRISONS) JUSTICE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON REENTRY

(December 13, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept. (Bureau of Justice Assistance); **Program:** Prisoner Reentry Initiative—PRI (CFDA Number: 16.202); **Eligibility:** State government agencies, including state corrections departments and state criminal justice administering agencies; Indian tribes; **Funding:** Awards up to \$450,000 (25% match required). **Deadline:** Jan. 8.

Purpose: This comprehensive effort addresses both juvenile and adult populations of serious, high-risk offenders. It provides funding to develop, implement, enhance and evaluate reentry strategies that will ensure the safety of the community and the reduction of serious, violent crime. This is accomplished by preparing targeted offenders to successfully return to their communities after having served a significant period of secure confinement in a state training school, juvenile or adult correctional facility or other secure institution.

PRI envisions the development of model reentry programs that begin in correctional institutions and continue throughout an offender's transition to and stabilization in the community. These programs provide for individual reentry plans that address issues confronting offenders as they return to the community.

Services are carried out in three phases:

- **Phase 1, Institution-Based Programs.** These programs are designed to prepare offenders to reenter society. Services provided in this phase include education, mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training, mentoring, and full diagnostic and risk assessment.

- **Phase 2, Community-Based Transition Programs.** These programs work with offenders prior to and immediately following their release from correctional institutions. Services provided in this phase include, as appropriate, education, monitoring, mentoring, life-skills training, assessment, job-skills development and mental health and substance abuse treatment.

- **Phase 3, Community-Based Long-Term Support Programs.** These programs connect individuals who have left the supervision of the justice system with a network of social services agencies and community-based organizations to provide ongoing services and mentoring relationships.

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(NATIVE AMERICAN) PROGRAM EASES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON RESERVATIONS

(December 13, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept. (Office of Violence Against Women—OVW); **Program:** Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program (CFDA Number: 16.587); **Eligibility:** Tribes and tribal governments; **Funding:** Grants up to \$900,000; **Deadline:** Feb. 6.

Purpose: The program is designed to fulfill the following three goals:

- Decrease the number of violent crimes committed against Indian women.

- Help Indian tribes use their independent authority to respond to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking committed against Indian women.

- Make sure that individuals who commit violent crimes against Indian women are held responsible for their actions.

Editor's note: The FY 2008 guidance hasn't been posted on OVW's Web site, so an e-mail to the agency on release of the guidance should be helpful. A review of last year's guidance should be help, too.

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(LOW-INCOME FAMILIES) ACF OFFERS ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE SOLICITATION

(December 12, 2007)

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Admin. for Children & Families—ACF); **Program:** Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (CFDA Number: 93.602); **Eligibility:** Public/Indian housing authorities, governments and higher education institutions; **Funding:** \$19 million for 65 awards; **Deadline:** Jan. 15 and March 25.

Purpose: Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts, in

which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training.

Editor's note: This is a standing announcement, which supersedes the standing announcement published in the *Federal Register* on February 2, 2005. It will be effective until cancelled or changed by the ACF's Office of Community Services director. Application due dates are January 15 and March 25 in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) CDFI PROVIDES \$10M FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

(December 11, 2007)

Agency: Treasury Dept. (Community Development Financial Institutions—CDFIs); **Program:** Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program (CFDA Number: 21.021); **Eligibility:** FDIC Insured Depository Institutions; **Funding:** \$10 million for 60 awards; **Deadline:** March 13.

Purpose: The BEA Program, created in 1994, supports banks around the country that are dedicated to financing and supporting community and economic development activities. It complements the community development activities of banks by providing financial incentives to expand investments in CDFIs and to increase lending, investment, and service activities within economically distressed communities.

Awards are based on activities within three categories:

- CDFI related activities, including equity investments, equity-like loans, grants, loans, deposits/shares, and technical assistance to qualified CDFI partners.
- Distressed community financing activities, including affordable home mortgage loans, affordable housing development loans, small business loans, home improvement loans, education loans, and commercial real estate loans.
- Service activities, including deposits, community services, and financial services.

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